

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 9, 2005. Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85 and 87 to 89 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 65 to 69, 75, 77 to 79, 85 and 87 to 89 have been amended, and Claims 1 to 3 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85 and 87 to 89 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,778,377 (Marlin) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,542,040 (Chang). Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns the acquiring of information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying the acquired information of the selected network device. A device window allocated to the selected network device is displayed, with the device window having a first sheet as an initial display sheet, a second sheet, and a designation portion for designating between the first sheet and the second sheet. When the device window is displayed, first partial information related to the selected network device is acquired via a network, and the acquired first partial information is displayed on the first sheet of the device window. The first partial information is part of information related to the selected network device. In a case where a user designates the second sheet using the designation portion, second partial information is acquired from the selected network device via the network, and the acquired second partial information is displayed on the second sheet. The second partial information is part of information related to the selected network device and is different from the first partial information.

Independent Claims 1, 2 and 3 as amended are respectively directed to a method, an apparatus and a computer-readable recording medium.

A feature of the present invention therefore lies in a device window having first and second sheets and a designation portion, wherein first partial information corresponding to the first sheet is acquired when the device window is displayed, and second partial information corresponding to the second sheet and different from the first partial information is acquired in a case where a user designates the second sheet using the designation portion. By virtue of the foregoing, in which the second partial information is acquired in a case where the user designates the second sheet, the device window can be initially displayed without necessarily having to acquire the second partial information, thereby improving the speed at which the device window is displayed.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the invention of the subject application. In particular, the Marlin and Chang patents are not seen to disclose or suggest at least the feature of a device window having first and second sheets and a designation portion, wherein first partial information corresponding to the first sheet is acquired when the device window is displayed, and second partial information corresponding to the second sheet and different from the first partial information is acquired in a case where a user designates the second sheet using the designation portion.

As understood by Applicants, Marlin discloses a system in which a user can manage information in a database through the provision of report definitions. See Marlin, Abstract. As acknowledged in the Office Action, however, Marlin does not teach the use of a device window having first and second sheets, and a designation portion for designating between the first and second sheets.

Chang was cited for its alleged disclosure of a device window having first and second sheets, and a designation portion for designating between them. As understood by Applicants, Chang discloses a system for presenting dynamic data on a display. The dynamic data is displayed in a notebook as a plurality of groups, with each group assigned to a page in the notebook. Each page in the notebook has a tab which is displayed according to the state of the group assigned to that page. In response to detecting a change in state for one of the groups of dynamic data, the display of the tab corresponding to that group is changed according to the change of state. See Chang, Abstract; column 2, lines 25 to 28; and column 3, lines 12 to 17.

Although Chang may be seen to teach the grouping of dynamic data into pages having tabs, it is not seen to specify when information for a selected group is acquired. In particular, Chang is not seen to teach that information for a group is acquired when a user designates the page corresponding to that group. Rather, Chang merely teaches that the display of a tab is changed when a change in state is detected for a group.

Accordingly, Chang it not seen to disclose or suggest a device window having first and second sheets and a designation portion, wherein first partial information corresponding to the first sheet is acquired when the device window is displayed, and second partial information corresponding to the second sheet and different from the first partial information is acquired in a case where a user designates the second sheet using the designation portion. In addition, Chang is not seen to suggest the attendant benefits provided by a device window in which information is acquired in this manner.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1 to 3 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

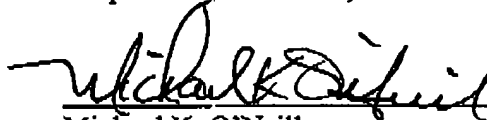
The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent

claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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